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'TIS THE SEASON — A number of community events have taken place to welcome in the holiday season. At left, Bianca Watson is shown getting a hug from Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Bay Mills Indian Community Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, held on Thursday, Dec. 12.

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At right, Sara Lyons is shown enjoying a snack while awaiting for Santa's arrival at the Bay Mills Indian Community Children's Christmas Party held on Saturday, Dec. 14.

Pictured below, Addysen Anacito, Alexis Leapley, and Katie Hutchinson show off their gifts from the party.




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SANTA KICKS OFF THE SEASON — Santa's first appearance of the season was made on Friday, Nov. 29 as part of the downtown Christmas Parade in Sault Ste. Marie. SHANNON JONES/BAY MILLS NEWS

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Brimley students rewarded for handing in homework

BRIMLEY — As part of Brimley Area School's Title VII Indian Education Program, elementary school students were honored Dec. 6 at a Homework Giveaway hosted by students of the Native Studies and Ojibwe language classes taught by Sonja Killips, Title VII coordinator.

To be eligible, students had to have handed in every assignment in a timely manner for the month of November. As their names were called, each student chose a gift from the assortment that was either made or collected by the students in Killips' classes. Following the giveaway, the children danced to an Honor Song by Wolf Cloud drum from Bay Mills Indian Community.

Kindergarten, Mrs. Cain: Andrew Bernier, Trevor Buriak, Sydney Caraccio, Wesley Edwardson, Stevie-Ann Gordan, Dalton Hoonstra, Brendon Hudson, James Laford, Lucas Mills, Kale Perron, Damian Schwiderson, Sixta Smart, Evelyn Streeter, Dan Tadgerson, Nevaeh Teeple and Mike Tremblay.

Kindergarten, Mrs. Hill: Garrett Albrough, Kamara Bator, Scott Bowen, Marissa Campeau, Paul Deuman, Khloe Dumas, Hazel Garvon, Ronald Harding, Dylan Kabelman, Shane Kincheloe, Ford Laux, Shemida LeBlanc, Stephen LeBlanc, Ayden McKiddie,

Thomas Passmore, Joseph Phillips and Calie Tremblay.

First grade, Mrs. Castagne: Morgan Barnes, Talissa Daniels, Addison Hill, Jaydon Nieme-Alcorn, Clay Palosaari, Phoenix Thompson and Chendra Tremblay.

First grade, Mrs. Kelso: Addison Carrick, Jayna Hunt, Brennah LaFord, Jason Laponis, Lawrence LeBlanc, Wasaya LeBlanc, Evan Mills, Mark Osborne, Elizabeth Stuart and Caden Teeple.

Second grade, Mrs. Gross: Gavin Beseau, Isabelle Caraccio, Mia Croad, Landen Harding, Kiara Hopper, Anna Keyser, Raegen Kopitsch, Ceara LeBlanc, Charles Lyons, Donovan Murphy, Cian Parish, Quinn Parker, Kenneth VanderMeer and Autumn Ward.

Second grade, Mrs. Schaedler: Stacy Bishop, Hayden Cameron, Landon Cameron, Grace Dumas, Laila Duvall, Brendan Gross, Abigail Hoffman, Camela Kemp, Radly Kinney, Kai Morrison, Evan Parker, Winnona Thomson and Simon Whealy.

Third grade, Mrs. Peller: Savannah Albrough, Kailiegh Bensel, Ella Bowen, Julianna Carrick, Vivian Carrick, Gina Hazlett, Grace Hill, Clayton Johns, Braedon Kemp, Nathaniel Kime, Kaylee Komejan, Audrey Massey, Amanda McColl, Logan Peake,

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Fourth grade, Mrs. Jones: Angel Bennett, Stephanie Bishop, Jackson Bowen, Hunter Heck, Colin Hopper, Adrianna Hyder, Carlie Keyser, Alexis Leapley, Sadie McGuire, Dominic Morrison, Riley Parish, Willem Perron and Alana Vandermeer.

Fourth grade, Mrs. Teeple: MaryJane Cameron, Brooke Carrick, Halaina Carrick, Henry Finfrock, Morgan Fox, My'Asia Barnes-Parish, Alec Hill, Kendall Jahnke, Cole Johnson, Kayla Kincheloe, Max LaRue, Caleb Lipponen, Luke Slater, John Stenglein, and Railee Taylor.

Fifth grade, Mrs. Hope: Carmen Cameron, Justin Carrick, Maddisen Hoonstra, Paige LaFord, Jacques LeBlanc, Kalista Perron and Sarah Rosa.

Fifth grade, Mrs. Rutledge: Natalie Albrough, Xavier Bedell, Austin Burley, Lily Carlson, Ciara Clement, Braden Erard, Korinn Perron and Skyler Perron.

Sixth grade, Mrs. Hutchins/Stana-way: Dalton Clement, Heather Gordier, Mikayla Kime, Katelynn Krull, Trevor Moran, Derek Postma and Raina Vert.

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OPINION

Legislators worried about beer logos

Why are these illegal?

By Jarrett Skorup
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Michigan has the strongest restrictions on branded barware in the nation and the Legislature is considering whether it should turn those administrative rules into law.

When politicians are voting on a bill that would forbid bars and restaurants from receiving products with brand logos on them, it is easy to understand the cynicism of politics. How many people in the state really care whether pint glasses and napkins have promotional items printed on them?

Legislators in Lansing are considering a slew of bills (notably:

House Bills 4709, 4710, 4711, 4046 and 4257 and Senate Bills 505, 650 and 651) that would relax some of the laws on breweries, mostly allowing for more flexibility. Since alcohol control rules do not positively affect public health or safety, Michigan should consider curtailing or eliminating the Liquor Control Commission, ending the distributor monopoly and reforming most rules. The current proposals are far from achieving those things, but at least most are a step in the right direction.

But one bill is causing a hang up. Senate Bill 505 would "codify in law an administrative prohibition on alcohol manufacturers, sell-

ers, and distributors of alcohol giving bars and restaurants items that promoted brands and prices of their products, including things like glasses with brand logos, etc."

The bill is tie-barred to several others — meaning all or none become law — and is said to be the hold up in the state House of Representatives.

Some craft brewers like this Prohibition-era law because it would restrict their competition. But government should not be picking and choosing winners and losers in the marketplace especially on something that has virtually no impact on most Michigan taxpayers and alcohol consumers.

Gender differences are hard wired

By Tom Purcell

A new study has come out that finds men and women really do think differently.

According to *The Independent*, researchers at the University of Pennsylvania used a new and very precise brain-scanning technique, diffusion tensor imaging, to create a neural map of the human brain.

The technique has found that male and female brains are wired differently.

"Researchers found that many of the connections in a typical male brain run between the front and the back of the same side of the brain, whereas in women the connections are more likely to run from side to side between the left and right hemispheres of the brain," reports *The Independent*.

Why is this important?

Because "the brain could play an important role in understanding why men are in general better at spatial tasks involving muscle control, while women are better at verbal tasks involving memory and intuition."

Which reminds me of my sister Lisa's favorite joke: "Men are only good for one thing! But who cares about parallel parking, anyway!"

The fact of the matter is that men and women are and always have been wired differently. It's written in our DNA.

Women tend to be more intuitive than men. Ragini Verma, a professor of radiology at the University of Pennsylvania, told *The Independent* why.

"Because the female connections link the left hemisphere, which is associated with logical thinking, with the right, which is linked with intuition, this could help to explain why women tend to do better than men at intuitive tasks," she said. "Intuition is thinking without thinking. It's what people call gut feelings. Women tend to be better than men at these kinds of skills, which are linked with being good mothers."

In this nutty world, it is considered sexist, in some places, to compliment a woman for being a good

mother — or to insist that mothers have some unique parenting skills that fathers likely lack.

But don't ask me, ask humorist Dave Barry, whom I will now paraphrase: The difference between fathers and mothers is that mothers are far less likely to drive off with the baby still sitting on the roof of the car.

Many other studies over the years have gained insight into the differences between men and women.

Take dust. Whereas the male brain is more wired for navigating outdoor activities, such as hunting woolly mammoths, the female brain is wired to notice more sensory detail. Men are less likely to notice dust, which, women tell me, is a mix of fine particles that

settle on furniture.

Listening offers another important distinction between men and women. One brain imaging study shows that men listen with only one side of their brain, whereas women use both. (Women would be shocked if they knew how many other things we do using half a brain.) Since women listen using several regions on both sides of their brain, they are more likely to remember things — in particular, every single wrong thing we men have ever said or done.

The Independent reports that the brain-mapping technology used in the University of Pennsylvania study will not only help understand differences between men and women, but also provide more insight into neurological disorders, which are often gender-related.

It's a grand thing that modern researchers continue to make strides into human biology and behavior. It's just too bad that we need studies to affirm what most of us have always known to be true.

That men and women are different — and we should celebrate our differences rather than pretend they are not so.

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The Top 10 Comedic News Stories of 2013

Raging Moderate, by Will Durst

Be still, your beating hearts as we exultantly find ourselves in this festive place once again. The most wonderful time of the year. When squealing children race home from school to check and recheck their favorite news websites. Husbands and wives fight for possession of the living room tablet. Grandparents double up on their meds. Relax, everybody. It's finally here. Yes, you may consider the Top 10 Comedic News Stories of 2013 officially released.

Some years make it darn near impossible from which to strain a few meager laughs, as amusing as a broken crutch on the edge of a toxic waste dump. But enough about Detroit. Because, in terms of funny comedy humor, this year was lush and fecund like a tropical rain forest. Horsemeat discovered to be a major component of IKEA's meatballs. And the teachable moment here could be not to look to Swedish furniture manufacturers for our nutritional needs.

It is pivotal to understand that the Top 10 Comedic News Stories of 2013 are in no way to be confused with the Top 10 Legitimate News Stories of 2013. No. No. No. They are as different as soy beans and lug nuts. Bluetooth and dental floss. Palm fronds and those weird, cone-shaped collars that dogs wear to keep from chewing their butts.

These are the stories and events of the year thus far, that most lent themselves to mocking and scoffing and taunting, as determined by the executive council of the Comics, Clowns, Jesters & Satirists Union. Which, as you probably have already guessed, is... me.

Number 10. The president becomes a lame duck four months into his second term. Beyond lame duck. More of a quadriplegic platypus. Barack Obama Leadership Skills. Like saying Fukushima sushi. Paula Deen at the Apollo.

9. Former New York Congressman Anthony Weiner attempts a comeback. And he proves once again that his name is also the source of most of his problems.

8. Pope Francis turns out to be a liberal Democrat while Pope Benedict stays busy updating his Christian Mingle profile.

7. To escape government persecution, world class leaker Edward Snowden runs first to China and then to Russia. Which is like joining the army because "you're tired of people telling you what to do."

6. Ted Cruz rallies fellow Tea Partiers by reading "Green Eggs and Ham" on the floor of the Senate, then misinterprets the moral of a book aimed at kindergarteners.

5. Toronto Mayor Rob Ford admits using crack during one of his "drunken stupors." Yes, plural. Subsequently sees his approval rating shoot up 5 points. Not saying Obama should replicate this strategy, but if the big, fat shoe fits...

4. Spying revelations shock America. Turns out the only way to keep the NSA from following our every move is by becoming one of their employees.

3. Dennis Rodman becomes a roving ambassador. Ambassador Worm. What's next? Mike Tyson, Poet Laureate. Kim Kardashian, Molecular Chemistry Consultant. Tim Tebow, NFL QB.

2. Government shutdown. America comes excruciatingly close to defaulting. Again. And you know what happens then. We have to move back in with Britain.

1. Affordable Care Act website debacle. Most people decide it would be easier to let the NSA handle the whole thing. After all, they have all our information and probably know which plan best fits.

Go to willdurst.com for his calendar to find performances near you.

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Education: U.S. spends more, gets less

American students near bottom on international test

By Audrey Spalding
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The United States is spending more and getting less when it comes to education.

On a test designed to compare student outcomes by country, children in the U.S. scored poorly. The test, the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), is administered by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and includes 34 OECD countries, including South Korea, China, France and Germany.

Of the OECD countries reviewed, the U.S. came in 26th in mathematics and 21st in science. The best score for the U.S. was in reading, where we scored about average. These results are unsurprising. The U.S. has lagged behind for years.

Not only did the U.S. post poor scores, but by all measures we should have done better. The United States has fewer disadvantaged students and U.S. parents are better educated. More strikingly, the OECD notes that the United States is the third

wealthiest country when it comes to per-capita GDP and spends more per student. According to the report, only Austria, Luxembourg, Norway and Switzerland spend more per student.

One stark example of the comparison between spending on education and outcomes is the comparison between the U.S. and the Slovak Republic. Both countries posted the same mathematics score, but the U.S. spends more than twice as much per student on education.

Some might hasten to blame our low ranking on certain groups, such as students from poverty backgrounds. But our educational shortcomings are widespread — we have fewer top-performing students and more low-performing students. The OECD notes that students in Shanghai, a high-performing area in China, are two years ahead of students in Massachusetts, one of the highest performing states.

Also interesting is the fact that U.S. students' scores depend more on their socioeconomic sta-

tus than students in other countries, including Finland, Japan and Norway. In other words, U.S. students coming from poverty backgrounds are more likely to post poor scores than their counterparts in those countries.

For those holding out hope, Michigan is no anomaly. To provide a better understanding of how individual school districts stack up against their international counterparts, University of Arkansas researchers benchmarked PISA scores to the statewide annual assessments.

This global report card showed that Michigan students would have scored below average on the 2009 PISA. In mathematics, for example, our top-performing school district — Forest Hills — ranked at around the 75th percentile when compared internationally.

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan correctly characterized the nation's performance as "educational stagnation." These results should be sobering for those who claim that the current educational system is not in need of reform.

Students of the Month named

BRIMLEY — Brimley Elementary School has chosen its Students of the Month of November. Following are kudos from their teachers.

Kamara Bator comes to class every day showing Bays Ways behavior. She is very responsible and always knows how to take care of her things and get busy immediately. Kamara remembers to use the correct voice level in all school settings. — Mrs. Hill

Ella Bowen consistently follows the Bay Ways. She is a responsible young lady that can always be counted on to complete her assignments to the best of her ability with a cheerful attitude. Ella works well with all of her peers and is very helpful to everyone. — Ms. Peller

Ethan Cameron arrives at school every day ready to learn and try his best. He treats adults and classmates with respect and has wonderful manners. Ethan is quick to help with something without being asked. — Mrs. Kelso

Zachary Daniels is a great student who does his best. He works hard to follow the Bays Ways rules and is polite and kind to his peers, parents and teachers. Zachary is an excellent example of what a student with positive behavior looks and sounds like. — Mrs. Ver Strate

Heather Gordier is a conscientious student whose top-notch school work shows that she holds a very high standard for herself. This young lady with an agreeable good nature helps out in the classroom whenever asked to do so. Heather often helps or encourages others in their reading and spelling. — Ms. Stanaway

Brendan Gross is a very hard worker and is always willing to help others finish their assignments. Brendan has excellent classroom participation and can always be seen with his hand in the air waiting to answer any given question. — Mrs. Schaedler

Sydney Hopper is an excellent example of what a student should be. She is kind and caring and is willing to help her classmates. Sydney is very responsible, takes pride in her work and can always be counted on to do the right thing. — Mrs. Ver Strate



NOVEMBER KNOW-IT-ALLS — Based on their good grades and citizenship skills, the following students have been chosen as Students of the Month of November at Brimley Elementary School. Front row, L-R: Ethan Cameron, Trey Lynn, Raegen Kopitsch, Kamara Bator and Sixta Smart. Middle row, L-R: Sydney Hopper, Zachary Daniels, Skyler Perron, Ella Bowen, Carlie Keyser and Brendan Gross. Back row, L-R: Kendall Jahnke, Heather Gordier, Dayton Parish and Sarah Rosa. SHAR MYERS/BAY MILLS NEWS

Kendall Jahnke is very responsible about getting her work turned in and always comes to class ready to learn. Kendall has a great sense of humor and the ability to enjoy a silly moment. — Mrs. Teeple

Carlie Keyser is an amazing young lady who follows the Bays Ways all the time. Carlie not only works hard at being upbeat and positive in school, she is also an excellent role model both academically and socially. — Mrs. Jones

Raegen Kopitsch is new to our school, but has quickly learned our Bays Ways rules. She can be counted on to always make the right choice and is an excellent example to her fellow classmates. Raegen is a willing participant in class discussions and has great ideas. — Mrs. Gross

Trey Lynn consistently follows our Bays Ways behavior expectations in every area of our school. He is very dedicated to school and takes a lot of pride in completing his work. Trey is always being and doing his best. — Mrs. Castagne

Dayton Parish has worked really hard on his behavior choices and study skills these past three months. He always come to class ready to learn with all of his supplies in hand and his assignments completed. Dayton is so enthusiastic when it comes to helping out and pitching in, with a great attitude. — Mrs. Osborne

Skyler Perron recently made Honor Roll with all A's. She often helps others with their assignments. Skyler is kind to her peers and is always trying to follow the Bays Ways by being respectful, responsible, safe and ready to learn. — Mrs. Rutledge

Sarah Rosa is a very conscientious student who always puts forth her best effort. Sarah is respectful and kind to everyone, follows our Bays Ways rules and can always be counted on to make good choices. — Mrs. Hope

Sixta Smart is such a help in the classroom. She is responsible and always follows the Bays Ways. Sixta is a good friend and tries her best on all of her work. — Mrs. Cain

Brimley School announces honor roll students

BRIMLEY — Brimley Area Schools has announced the names of those students named to the honor roll for the first quarter. An asterisk denotes all A's.

Grade five: Natalie Albrough*, Austin Burley, Lily Carlson, Carmen Cameron*, Justin Carrick*, Ciara Clement, Brianna Clow, Braden Erard, Kaden Goetz, Emily Harding, Mason Harris, Maddisen Hoornstra, Paige LaFord, Janine Napoletano, Kalista Perron, Korinn Perron and Skyler Perron*.

Grade six: Victoria Aikens, Tomissa Archambeau, Klaire Bertram, Cole Brehm, Philip Brown*, Sydney Ferns, Zachary Gross, Garrett Johnson, Jacob Skonieczny, Jaymie Cameron, Dalton Clement, Bailey Erard, Heather Gordier*, Mikayla Kime, Katelyn Krull, Matthew McGuire, Trevor Moran, Dakota Passage, Derek Postma*, Dalton Sansone and Raina Vert.

Grade seven: Samantha Bishop, David Bryer, Dylan Carrick*, Kendra Carrick, Autumn Halvorsen*, Jamie LaFord,

Abigaile LaRue, Ivory Maxwell, Isabelle Perron, Brooke Rivenburgh and Paula Walden.

Grade eight: Autumn Aikens, Dante Cappelli, Michael Gordier, Joshua Gross, Jacob Hopper, Samuel Hopper, Zachary Hyvarinen, Nathan Recla and Julia Stenglein.

Grade nine: Jasmine Cottelit, Lauren Halvorsen, Justen Jahnke, Logan Keenan, Natalie Knepper, Caitlin LeBlanc*, Jayrwin LeBlanc, Mattie Lewis, Brianna Lyons, Hannah Lyons, Brendan Mather, Caden Moran* and Cassandra Tessmer.

Grade 10: Chelby Archambeau, Logan Carrick, Kerri Chartrand, Hunter Elenbaas, John Forrest, Kaylee Hill, Alyssa Hyvarinen, Natalie McGuire, Eva Perron, Thomas Tessmer, Jordan Walker-Jenkins and Linus Zundorff.

Grade 11: Anne Archambeau, Ronald Carrick, Emily Chartrand, Mia Evenson, Alyssa Graham, Katelynn Mills, Riley Sansone*, Garrett Schofield, Jeanette Shaffer and Samantha Wilcox.

Grade 12: Thomas Aikens, Jared

Baragwanath, Shane Beaune, Sarah Brigman, Brandy Dykes, Tabitha Graham, Marianne Keim*, Seth Knepper, Emily Lounds, Jonah Mills, Anthony Mongene, Tanner Parish, Jocelynn Preville, Johnathon Preville, Samantha Randle, Hana Vesela, Melinda Wilson and Tressa Wisner.

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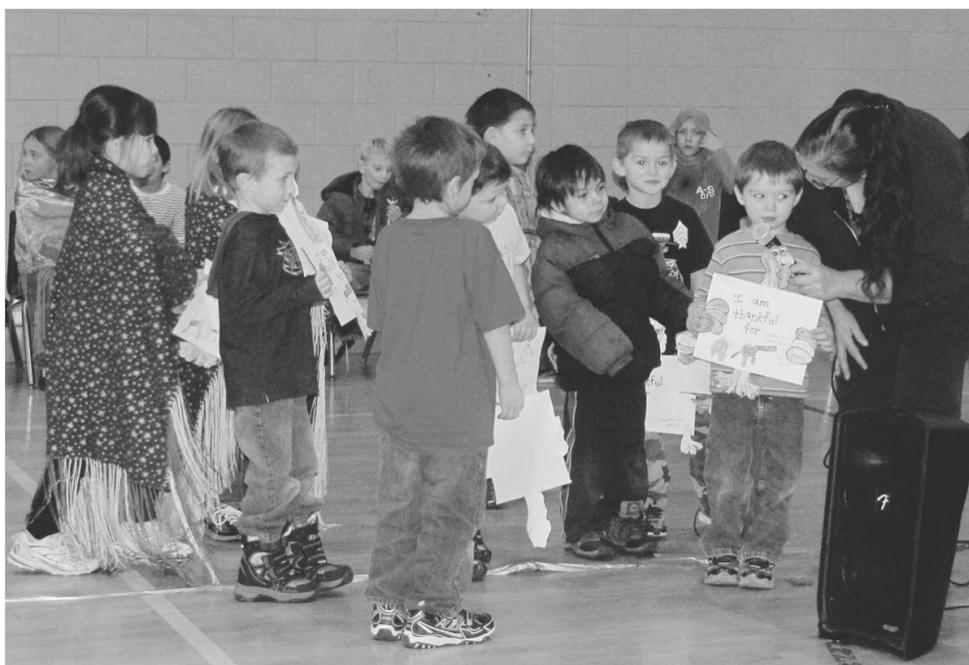
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FEAST OF THANKS — On Nov. 27, Ojibwe Charter School celebrated their annual feast right before Thanksgiving Day. Above, Kindergarten students had the opportunity to announce all they are thankful for, with the assistance of Ojibwe Language and Culture teacher, Cathy DeVoy. Below, students celebrate to the beat of the drum.

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QUILL-CLEANING CLASS — Before the snow fell, an anonymous note was left for Brimley Schools Native Studies teacher Sonja Killips, stating that a dead porcupine was on the road by Brimley State Park. Killips drove over, put some tobacco down and told the "gaak" (porcupine in Ojibwe) it was going to school with her. Her students removed the quills, washed them and separated them from the hair. Anishinabe people traditionally used quills in craft making and these quills will be used in that manner as well. Left to right: Sonja Killips, Christina Fultz, Samantha Randle and Sarah Brigman.



Brimley athletes receive awards

BRIMLEY — The fall sports awards were held at Brimley Area Schools on Nov. 26. Following are the names of students who earned awards for their achievements.

Football: Most Valuable Player was Shane Beaune and Most Improved Award went to Tobias Kemkes. Coach's Award went to R.J. Carrick and Mr. Football Award to Caleb Mc Kerchie.

Cross Country: Most Valuable Player was Emily Chartrand. Most Improved Award went to Jeannette Shaffer, Girls Coach's Award to Emily Lounds and

Boys Coach's Award to Wayne Carrick.

Junior Varsity Volleyball: Most Valuable Player was a tie, given to Kaylee Hill and Mallorie Kronemeyer. Most Improved Award went to Madison Deuman and Coach's Award to Katya Rozelle.

Varsity Volleyball: Most Improved Award was shared by Hana Vesela and Christina Fultz. Coach's Award went to Kitty Breen and Miss Volleyball 2013 to Tabitha Graham. Graham also shared the Most Valuable Player Award with Clarissa Kelly.

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Higher Education Incentive Program revised

BAY MILLS — As higher education continues to be a priority with the Bay Mills Indian Community, the Higher Education Incentive Program will continue for classes that begin Jan. 1, 2014 or after. The revised 2014 Higher Education Incentive Program Award guidelines are as follows:

° Students attending four (4) year colleges/universities are eligible for \$100 per semester credit

hour; Students attending two (2) year community colleges are eligible for \$50 per semester credit hour for coursework completed with a minimum;

° Graduate students enrolled and accepted in a post-graduate program at an institution listed on the U.S. Department of Education's Database of Accredited Post-Secondary Institutions are eligible for \$200 per semester credit hour.

° To be eligible for the award, all coursework must be completed with a grade point average of 2.0, which may also be recorded as "C", Average or Satisfactory Progress.

The Executive Council will evaluate the funding available to the program on regular basis. If you have questions please don't hesitate to contact Shannon Belk at sbelk@bmcc.edu or 906-248-8448.

Bill would toughen regulations for new charter schools

By JUSTINE MCGUIRE
Capital New Service

LANSING — Making public school academies — charters — more accountable is on the minds of some legislators.

A bill by Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor, would prohibit new academies from having management agreements with for-profit organizations.

It also would disallow authorizing bodies, such as universities, from creating new academies unless students at all of their existing academies perform at least 20 percent better than students in the nearest traditional school district.

Weak laws have allowed a lot of charter schools to pop up and take students away from traditional schools, causing financial stress to public schools that lose state aid, Hopgood said.

The charters create an uneven playing field, he added.

In recent years, the Legislature has lifted limitations on the number of charters. There are now about 300 in the state, authorized by a mix of universities, community colleges, and local and intermediate school districts.

Hopgood said charters attract students because of successful marketing. "You can get someone to stand in line for anything if you market it well."

One problem is that about 80 percent of charters are operated by for-profit education management organizations, or EMOs, he said. The national average is closer to 20-25 percent.

And KC Holder, a Northern Michigan University professor of education, said another problem with EMOs is that they use public money but aren't necessarily as accountable to a public entity, such as a publicly elected school board.

Northern Michigan authorizes seven charters.

Hopgood said the rationale for expanding the number of charters was that they would enhance the entire K-12 educational system for the better and that hasn't happened.

But authorizers say the charters should have more time to prove themselves.

"I know from time to time there are people who don't understand what we're doing and claim that the academies aren't being watched, but for the 20 that Ferris State University authorizes, we know what's going on in those schools," said Ronald Rizzo, interim director of the Ferris Charter Schools Office.

He said he's happy overall with the performance of the academies his office oversees, although many have room for improvement.

If Hopgood's legislation were to

pass, Ferris and other authorizers would probably have a hard time getting all their charters to perform 20 percent better than local public school districts before opening new ones.

"Some academies are knocking the socks off the traditional schools, but some aren't," Rizzo said.

He said students at some charters perform better in certain subjects or grade levels, and the longer students have been in a non-traditional school, the better they do generally.

"If you do a comparison on who's just now coming in, you're evaluating someone else's work," he said.

In addition, students at one charter can come from many traditional districts. For example, a Ferris charter in Metro Detroit has students from 34 public school districts.

Rizzo said comparing an academy to the district where it's geographically located isn't an apples-to-apples comparison. Instead, Ferris is working on composite resident comparisons in which students at a charter are compared with students in their home districts.

Northern Michigan's Holder said being a charter doesn't automatically mean a school will be high performing. It depends on what niche it serves — some are intended for at-risk students while others target gifted students, for example.

Holder said they're accountable to their authorizers, the parents who choose the schools, and to the state.

Moving students from traditional schools to charters does move financial resources — state aid — to charters, but having the alternatives should raise the quality of all schools as they vie for students. However, it's difficult to tell if that has been the case so far, he said.

Rizzo said many public schools perform poorly, so what about oversight of them?

He said the Legislature should worry about education in general, "whether it's traditional, charter, private or parochial. The concern should be for the kids — let's get rid of the labels."

Cosponsors of Hopgood's bill are Sens. Vincent Gregory, D-Southfield, Virgil Smith, D-Detroit, and Gretchen Whitmer, D-East Lansing.

The bill is pending in the Senate Education Committee.

Superintendent's Corner

By Alan Kantola, Brimley Area Schools

BRIMLEY — The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition Month — a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education.

In the Brimley Area Schools, board members invest countless hours deliberating difficult decisions about curriculum, budget, personnel, school policy, and other matters, which affect parents, students, teachers, and citizens throughout our district.

Their job is to establish a vision for the education program, design a structure to achieve that vision, ensure schools are accountable to the community and strongly advocate for continuous improvement in student learning. The job of a school board member is tough, the hours long and the thanks few and far between. Too often, we're quick to criticize school board members without really understanding the complex nature of their decisions. Now is the time to thank them for their untiring efforts.

As citizen leaders, individual school board members face complex and demanding challenges. They are alternately described as having the most important volunteer jobs in the country and facing the toughest challenge in elected American government. Yet, school board members are just ordinary citizens with extraordinary dedication to our nation's public schools. All Michigan citizens should recognize the vital contributions of these men and women and the crucial role they play in the education of our children.

On behalf of our community, I would like to express our appreciation to the following School Board members for the service each provides to our school: Tim Wilson, President; Lee Freedman, Vice-President; Amy Cappelli, Secretary; Robin Bedell, Treasurer; Sandi Wallin, Trustee; P.J. Jones, Trustee; and Jim LeBlanc, Trustee.

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held in the High School Cafeteria, on Jan. 20, beginning at 7 p.m. The public is always welcome to attend School Board meetings.

On behalf of the Brimley Area Schools, I would like to wish everyone a joyous holiday season. Hopefully, the holidays will provide all of us with the opportunity to spend quality time with our families. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Brimley Area Schools looks forward to the year 2014 with anticipation of continued excellence and success.

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School safety initiative passes House

By Shannon Jones
Bay Mills News

BRIMLEY— Legislation that would create a school safety hotline designed to combat school violence is making its way to the Gov. Snyder's desk. The "OKAY-2-SAY" safety initiative passed the Michigan House of Representatives on Dec. 11 by a margin of 108-1 and is now headed to the Senate for approval before getting the governor's signature.

Sen. Judy Emmons, R-Sheridan, first introduced the safety initiative in May.

"As a mother and a grandmother, I believe the safety of all our children is top priority," said Sen. Emmons. "The OK-2-SAY program will enhance our ability as a state to take in information and most importantly, respond quickly."

OKAY-2-SAY will be an entirely confidential initiative that will operate 24 hours a day and will accept tips via phone, text, email or on the website. Tips will then be coordinated with the Michigan State Police and local law enforcement and school districts. The hotline will allow tipsters to log information on a variety of issues, from abuse and school violence to suicide threats.

The U.S. Secret Service reports that, in 81 percent of violent incidents in schools, someone other than the attacker had prior knowledge of the event. The hotline will provide individuals an outlet to report anonymously and prevent retaliation.

With school violence on the rise, the initiative is receiving broad support and is fully supported by the state superintendent, Attorney General Bill Schuette and Michigan State Police.

"Our students learn best in a safe environment, but dangerous behaviors threaten to disrupt our schools, and in the worst cases, take the lives of our students," said Attorney General Bill Schuette. "OK-2-SAY will create an early warning system in our schools and communities to stop tragedies before they start. We cannot sit and wait for the next Columbine or Sandy Hook. We must be proactive to ensure our kids are safe, both inside and outside the classroom."

Brimley Area Schools Superintendent Alan Kantola said he also fully supports the measure. "Anything that can be done to prevent school violence is necessary and vital for our schools. We must be proactive in stopping tragedies from taking place in our schools."

Brimley most recently installed security cameras at the entrances of the school in an effort to identify visitors to the building and ensure student safety.

Supporters of the initiative are hoping the measure will be approved in time to implement for the upcoming school year. OKAY-2-SAY mirrors the Safe 2 Tell program created in Colorado after the Columbine shooting. In the wake of the Newtown, Conn. shooting last year, Gov. Rick Snyder also created a school safety review team that is reviewing school

safety drills and mental health initiatives to combat violence.

The program will be overseen by Schuette's office and will issue annual reports and is said to be funded by the state from a settlements pool, not by individual districts.

Sutton recognized

Kurt Sutton of Krause Later Elementary in the Armada School District has been selected as 2013 Michigan's Elementary and Middle School Principal Association's Outstanding Practicing State Principal of the Year. Sutton is the son of Milt and Marcia Sutton of Brimley.

The award is designed to recognize outstanding principals whose contributions to the profession are exemplary and recognized by their peers and communities alike. The program honors principals who have exhibited extraordinary leadership, commitment to their students and faculty, service to their communities and contributions to the overall profession, including their professional associations.

As the winning elementary principal, Kurt Sutton will also be the MEMSPA candidate to the National Association of Elementary School Principals National Distinguished Principal Award in 2014. Nominations and supporting information were accepted from students, teachers, administrators, civic groups, and parents groups.

Bayliss Public Library's 2014 events

Dec. 21, library closes at 1 p.m. Dec. 24 to 26 and Jan. 1 to 2, closed for the holidays.

Jan. 4, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Sault Winter Farmers' Market returns to Bayliss Library for its fourth season. It is co-sponsored by MSU Extension, Greening Michigan Institute. The market will be held on Saturdays, December 21, and from January 4 through May 3, in the Community Room. Items for sale include eggs, meat, produce, baked goods, jams, honey and maple syrup, artwork and crafts such as wood, knitting and crochet, handmade cards, jewelry and more. The Friends of the Library also sell used books on gardening and food preparation.

Jan. 7, 3 to 6 p.m.: Friends Mini-Book Sale.
Jan. 8, 10 a.m.: StoryTime.
Jan. 9, 11 a.m. to noon: Mobile Office Hours of Congressman Dan Benishek.
Jan. 9, 1 p.m.: StoryTime.
Jan. 9, 6 to 8 p.m.: Support Group for the Visually Impaired; Caroline Grabowski will speak about her new book "Headlines & Headstones from Sault Ste. Marie's Past."

Jan. 11, 10 a.m. to noon: Creative Endeavors Support Group for Writers and Artists.
Jan. 11, 1 p.m.: Lego Club.
Jan. 11, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Sault Winter Farmers' Market.
Jan. 14, 1 p.m.: Homeschool Lego Club.
Jan. 14, 7 to 8:30 p.m.: Sault

Naturalists Club of Ontario and Michigan; Dieter and Erica Ropke of Sault, Ontario, will speak about the Island of Crete.

Jan. 15, 10 a.m.: StoryTime.
Jan. 15, 7 to 8 p.m.: War Memorial Hospital Community Education Series continues at Bayliss Library with a program on "Faster & Better Meals for Families;" Danielle Frazer-Martinchek, RD / Chief Clinical Dietitian, will speak about healthy meals you can make in 30 minutes that both kids and adults will eat.
Jan. 16, 1 p.m.: StoryTime.
Jan. 16, 5:15 p.m.: League of Women Voters EUP meeting.
Jan. 16, 7 p.m.: League of Women Voters EUP book discussion, "Half the Sky."
Jan. 18, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Sault Winter Farmers' Market.
Jan. 18 1 p.m.: Saturday Matinee; call 632-9331 for title.
Jan. 21, 12 to 2 p.m.: Creative Endeavors Support Group for Writers and Artists.
Jan. 21, 7 p.m.: Chippewa County Genealogical Society will hold a program on "Beginning Genealogy."
Jan. 22, 10 a.m.: StoryTime.
Jan. 23, 1 p.m.: StoryTime.
Jan. 23, 7 p.m.: Superior Poetry Café — open mic and featured poet, Matthew Williams. He was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie and started writing music and poetry six years ago when he first took lessons on the guitar. Last year, he performed

on guitar with Detroit poet and musician, M.L. Liebler, at a library concert. Williams has been a frequent participant in the library's open mics and poetry and songwriting workshops. His poems are usually themed on the ecology of the Sault and are metaphorical. He credits his experiences at the library for much of his success. Currently, he is a student at Bay Mills Community College in the Native American Studies program. His plans are to become a full-time musician; he performs locally, sometimes with friends, Zac Crook or Lola Kennedy.
Jan. 25, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Sault Winter Farmers' Market.
Jan. 25, 12 p.m.: Brown Bag Family Book Club.
Jan. 25, 1 p.m.: Family Movie; call 632-9331 for title.
Jan. 28, 6-8 p.m.: Yarn Workers Guild will meet. If you are interested in knitting/crocheting for charity or gifts for others, please feel free to attend the Yarn-Workers Guild. Just bring your yarn-working projects from home and enjoy an evening of camaraderie with other yarn workers. Charity items will be donated to a local distributor.
Jan. 29, 10 a.m.: StoryTime.
Jan. 29, 7 p.m.: Chippewa County Historical Society; Ed Koivisto of Rudyard will speak about "How Weapons Were Used in the Battle of Gettysburg."
Jan. 30, 1 p.m.: StoryTime.
Jan. 30, 6:30 p.m.: League of Women Voters EUP meeting.

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Gary Payment

Gary Merlin Payment, "Guz," 60, of Brimley, Mich. died Nov. 14, 2013 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, Mich.

Gary was born May 15, 1953 in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. to Merlin Payment and Ruth Parish and was a member of Bay Mills Indian Community. He was a graduate of Big Rapids High School. Gary enlisted in the U.S. Navy after high school at the age of 18. He wanted to join when he was younger, but his mother would have none of that. He served during the Vietnam War as a medic. His gift in life was helping and serving others. Gary had worked as a commercial fisherman and in his past time he enjoyed sports fishing. He also enjoyed hunting with his brother and the occasional shining.

He is survived by his mother: Ruth Parish of Brimley; one brother, Tony (Shelly) Huyck of Dollar Settlement; two nieces, Cortney Alice Huyck and Alexandra Huyck; and one nephew, Steven Huyck. Gary was preceded in death by his father and two brothers.

At a later time, there will be a graveside service at Mission Hill Cemetery. C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services assisted the family with arrangements.

James Wallis, Jr.

Reginald "James" Wallis, Jr., 80, of Brimley, Mich., died Dec. 3, 2013 at Tendercare Nursing Home in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

James was born Aug. 20, 1933 in Sault Ste. Marie to the late Reginald James and Bertha Mae (Edgerly) Wallis, Sr. He was a graduate of Rudyard High School, class of 1952. He served his country in the U.S. Army. On October 7, 1962, he married Ruth Ries in Ozark, Mich.

James is survived by his wife: Ruth Wallis; two sons, Eric (Karen) Wallis of Highland, Mich. and James Wallis, III of Marquette, Mich.; and five grandchildren. He is also survived by his two brothers, Thomas (Jeanne) Wallis of Virginia and Richard (Linda) Wallis of Trout Lake, Mich.; two cousins, John Wallis of Sault Ste. Marie, and Robert Wallis of Wisconsin; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held in the spring of 2014 at North Rudyard Cemetery.

Chuck Brohl

Charles L "Chuck" Brohl of Brimley, Mich. died peacefully in his sleep at home on Dec. 9, 2013. He was born in Wyandotte, Mich. on Nov. 28, 1930 to Charles and Viola Brohl.

Chuck graduated from Sacred Heart Seminary High School in Detroit. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from the University of Detroit in 1953, and then served in the U.S. Army for two years. While obtaining his Certified Public Accounting certificate, he worked for two accounting firms in the Detroit area.

In 1975, he bought the Stott Accounting business in Sault Ste. Marie. He established his own CPA firm and served many clients in Sault Ste. Marie and surrounding areas until his retirement in 2008. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church during this time and was a member of the Lions Club and Knights of Columbus.

Chuck loved all sports and, as a young man, he played fast pitch softball, golf and bowled in various downriver leagues. He was an avid fan of college and professional sports and a true follower of his Detroit teams. His hobbies included playing cards, especially cribbage and euchre, and the gardening of flowers, fruits and vegetables.

On March 2, 1957, Chuck married Barbara "Bobby" (Hagen) at St. Joseph's Church, in St. Joseph, Mich. and they had eight children. He was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather; above all he valued his faith and family. He had a sense of humor that his family appreciated.

Chuck is survived by his loving wife, Bobby and his children, Barb (Mike) Sanderson of Grand Haven, Mich., Charles Brohl III of Sault Ste. Marie, Mary (Paul) Michaels of Sault Ste. Marie, James (Gloriana) Brohl of San José, Costa Rica, Frank Brohl of Farwell, Mich., Hedy (Steve) Yanni of Sault Ste. Marie, and Joseph (Fr. John Eudes) Brohl of Zamboles, Philippines; and his grandchildren, Amanda (Scott) Matheson, Kelly (Mike) Avery, Michael and Matthew Sanderson, Brandon, Caleb, and Rachel Yanni, Mattias, Sophia, and Nina Brohl; and his great grandchildren, Noah, Elise, and Easton Matheson, and Daniel and Tyson Avery. He is also survived by three sister-in-laws, Rochelle Brohl; Ruth (Bob) Armstrong of Wyandotte, Mich. and Judy Kinney of St. Joseph, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Chuck in death was his son, John; his parents, Charles and Viola; his brother, Donald; his parents-in-law, Hubert and Hedy Hagen; his brothers-in-law, Pat Kinney and Victor Hagen; and sister-in-law, Agnes Hagen.

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Carrick promoted
 Terry Carrick, son of Terry and Susie Carrick of Brimley, has been promoted to staff sergeant. He serves as satellite operation non-commissioned officer in the C Company Brigade, Special Troops Battalion, 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in Wyoming, Mich. He was formerly with the 126th Brigade Signal Company of Kalamazoo. Carrick's review was outstanding and he has been on the commandant's list for warrior leadership school. He has received several Army achievement medals in his 10 years of service in the National Guard, including being an honor grad. Carrick was platoon leader for the last year and squad leader the year prior.
 Pictured at left are Terry, Robyn, Caleb, Chloe and Cullen.

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Holiday cooking: Replacing fats and oils

We all know that the holiday spirit welcomes honesty and good will towards human kind, but it has several other traditional values that may also lead to questionable eating habits. Regardless of the holiday being celebrated, food — whether baked, broiled or fried — is always sure to follow. However, you don't always have to sacrifice your health for good tasting food. In fact, there are several substitutions that you can use either to reduce or cut out bad fats, cholesterol and increase fiber, vitamins and minerals in all sorts of treats like cookies, cakes and even everyday meals.

Cookies are always a popular treat for any holiday and are often riddled with unhealthy ingredients. Butter is one ingredient that can be substituted in many different ways. If you are looking for something that tastes like butter and still contains fat, margarine is said to be a healthy option.

This is because it is made from plant sources rather than animal sources. The nice thing about margarine substitutes is you can pick and choose exactly how much you would like to replace rather than only being able to replace a specific portions.

However, there are several margarine imposters out there so, as always, it is important to read labels carefully before choosing a product. Look for the word "margarine" rather than "butter substitute" or "vegetable oil spread." It is also important to look for those listing hydrogenated oils because they contain trans fats.

Fruit purees not only provide a healthier option than just about all other substitutions by providing

more fiber, but also provide an extra boost in vitamins and minerals while still keeping your cakes moist and, they contain fewer calories than oil.

For example, applesauce is one of the most common substitutes for oil when baking cakes and has no fat calories, and as an added bonus, using unsweetened applesauce will reduce the sugar content as well. The reason that applesauce is used most often is that, unlike some other fruit purees, applesauce does not have a strong overpowering flavor and therefore will not change the taste of your recipe.

Other fruits that can be used in place of butter are mashed bananas, pureed dates, prunes and even figs. However while each type of fruit is able to add a unique flavor and/or texture to your cookies and cakes it might be best to only substitute half of the butter required in your recipe by half — meaning, if your recipe calls for 1 cup of butter, use a half a cup of butter and one half a cup of fruit puree. This is especially important when baking cookies because fats are a key component in most cookie recipes.

Because each recipe is so different, it might be necessary to play with the fat-to-puree ratio to find the best balance giving you the taste

and texture you crave while simultaneously reducing the overall fat content. You can also use liquid cooking oils or virgin coconut oil in place of butter in most cookie recipes. If the recipe calls for salted butter, oil can still be substituted with a ratio of a half-teaspoon of salt per cup of butter and 7/8 of a cup of oil for each cup of butter.

Like fats, oils can be substituted in a variety of ways. However, not all substitutions are created equally depending on the type of cooking you intend to do or how much, or how little, of the substitute is required to give you the same, or as close as possible, to the same taste as oil. Like fats, these substitutes can lower the calorie content, assist with weight loss, and lower cholesterol, which in turn all help to prevent disease. As previously mentioned, baking oil can be substituted with fruit purees. Besides unsweetened applesauce, and banana purees, mango and pumpkin puree's can also be substituted for oil.

A word a caution: there are some trouble spots one might encounter while using applesauce as a substitute for either fat or oils. To combat the acidity of this substitute, some cooks recommend adding ¼ teaspoon baking soda. Likewise, a recipe that requires all-purpose flour might get better results if you use whole wheat pastry flour. Other ingredients that flavor your dish may also need to be altered because fats tend to add flavoring to our meals.

A final tip when reducing the fat in a baking recipe: it is important to keep a careful eye on your product as it is baking to avoid the possibility of it drying out.



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January is Stalking Awareness Month

Submitted by Bay Mills Journey to Healing Program

BAY MILLS — January 2014 marks the 10th anniversary of the first National Stalking Awareness Month, a time to focus on a crime that affects 3.4 million victims a year.

This year's theme—"Stalking: Know It. Name It. Stop It."—challenges the nation to fight this dangerous crime by learning more about it.

Stalking is a crime in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, yet many victims and criminal justice professionals underestimate its seriousness and impact. In one of five cases, stalkers use weapons to harm or threaten victims, and stalking is one of the significant risk factors for femicide (homicide of women) in abusive relationships. Victims suffer anxiety, social dys-

function, and severe depression at much higher rates than the general population, and many lose time from work or have to move as a result of their victimization.

Stalking is difficult to recognize, investigate, and prosecute. Unlike other crimes, stalking is not a single, easily identifiable crime but a series of acts, a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause that person fear. Stalking may take many forms, such as;

- Show up at your home or place of work unannounced or uninvited.
- Send you unwanted text messages, letters, emails and voice-mails.
- Leave unwanted items, gifts or flowers.
- Constantly call you and hang up.
- Use social networking sites and technology to track you.
- Spread rumors about you via the internet or word of mouth.
- Make unwanted phone calls to you.
- Call your employer or professor. Wait at places you hang out.
- Damage your home, car or other property.

One in four victims report that the stalker uses technology, such as computers, global positioning system devices, or hidden cameras, to track the victim's daily activities. Stalkers fit no standard psychological profile, and many stalkers follow their victims from one jurisdiction to another, making it difficult

for authorities to investigate and prosecute their crimes.

If you're being stalked, you may be feeling stressed, vulnerable or anxious. You may also have trouble sleeping or concentrating at work or school. Remember, you are not alone.

Every year in the United States, 3.4 million people are stalked and youth between the ages of 18 to 24 experience the highest rates. Most people assume that stalkers are strangers, but actually three in four victims are harassed by someone they know.

If you are in immediate danger, call 911 and report everything that's happened to the police. Remember to save important evidence such as: Text messages; voicemails; videos; letters, photos and cards; unwanted items or gifts; social media friend requests; and emails.

You should also write down the times, places and dates all incidents occurred. Include the names and contact information of people who witnessed what happened.

Stalking is traumatic. You may experience nightmares, lose sleep, get depressed or feel like you're no longer in control of your life. These reactions are normal. Remember it is not your fault and help is available.

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VA Medical center embraces the latest in dental technology

IRON MOUNTAIN – Veterans who receive dental services at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center will not have to put up with goeey impressions or have to wait for crowns anymore, thanks to new technology.

Through the VA's Innovation Fund Program, the Iron Mountain-based medical center recently received a completely integrated, state-of-the-art system that allows for computer-aided digital imaging and onsite milling for crowns, bridges and other restorative work, all in one appointment.

"This is great for our veterans who can now have a digital impression made of their teeth, without the traditional material, and receive the crown in one visit to the medical center," said Dr. Kim Recla, chief of dental service at the medical center.

Eli Heikkila, a Vietnam Army veteran from Iron River, was one of the first VA patients to benefit from this new technology. The digital imaging of his teeth took approximately 20 minutes and then he was invited back to watch his new crown being milled, which only took 10 minutes.

Typically, it takes up to two months to receive a crown or other reconstructive work using conventional methods, because impressions need to be sent to an outside lab.

"This saves the veteran a significant amount of time and travel cost, since they only have to come here once for the whole process, from getting the impression to inserting the permanent crown," said Recla.

The Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center is the only VA facility that provides dental services in the Upper Peninsula and northeastern Wisconsin. As a result, veteran



Army Veteran Eli Heikkila (right) of Iron River, and VA Dental Assistant Chris Lammi (left) watch the new milling unit mill Heikkila's new crown in 10 minutes. Heikkila was one of the first VA patients to benefit from the VA Medical Center's new state-of-the-art system that allows for computer aided digital imaging and onsite milling for crowns, bridges and other restorative work all in one appointment.

patients who are eligible for VA dental benefits may have to travel up to four hours to receive dental care.

The system used by the medical center, known as Ceramic Reconstruction Acquisition Center uses a full color 3D OmniCam camera to capture digitally what is in the mouth clinically and then transfer it via radio signal to the milling unit in the dental lab.

It is the only system that looks at adjacent teeth and makes a tooth design that will replicate the patient's anatomy as opposed to a pre-fabricated design.

There is also cost savings for the taxpayer.

"There are significant savings using this technology, such as the costs of conventional impression material, lab costs, production time, costs associated with the disinfecting

and setting up of the treatment room for multiple appointments and reprocessing of the reusable dental equipment," said Marian Johnson, a registered dental assistant at the VA Medical Center.

Johnson is the employee who researched and successfully submitted the application for the innovation funding from VA to purchase this beneficial technology.

"It is very gratifying to know that our employees are seeking to provide the best medical and dental care to our veterans, and taking the time to submit ideas and initiatives to do just that," said Jim Rice, Medical Center director.

For more information on eligibility and benefits for Veteran Dental Care, go to www.va.gov/dental.

MDCH recommends getting a flu vaccine before holiday gatherings

LANSING – An annual flu vaccine is the single best way to protect against getting the flu. The Michigan Department of Community Health is reminding everyone 6 months and older to get vaccinated against the flu. By getting the vaccine now, families still have time to be protected for holiday gatherings and into 2014 for the duration of the entire flu season

"There is no way to predict what this flu season will hold, how severe it will be, or how long it will last," said Dr. Matthew Davis, Chief Medical Executive with the MDCH. "This year's National Influenza Vaccination Week provided an opportunity to remind people about the importance of an annual flu vaccine. Flu-related illnesses and deaths can be prevented by ensuring our children, families, and communities as a whole are protected each year."

Flu can be a serious disease, particularly among young children, older adults, and people with certain chronic health conditions, such as asthma, heart disease or diabetes. Any flu infection carries a risk of serious complications, hospitalization or death, even among healthy children and adults. Last flu season, only 40.8 percent of Michigan's residents were vaccinated against the flu. This was below the national flu vaccination coverage of 45 percent. Michigan lags behind the U.S. estimates for flu vaccine coverage in every age group and ranks 42nd in the nation.

The 2012-2013 flu season began early, was moderately severe, and lasted longer than recent flu seasons. There were seven influenza-associated pediatric deaths in Michigan last flu season, the highest number since reporting became mandatory in 2004.

Flu is already circulating nationwide and in Michigan. Flu cases have been confirmed across the state and are increasing in the southeast part of Michigan. Three influenza-associated pediatric deaths have already occurred in the U.S. so far this season. The vaccines this year are a good match to the flu viruses circulating at this time.

It takes about two weeks after receiving the flu vaccine to be fully protected against the flu virus. This season, there are several different flu vaccine options, including a

high-dose flu shot for people age 65 years and older, an egg-free flu vaccine for people with egg allergies, and vaccines that protect against four flu viruses in addition to those that protect against the traditional three flu viruses. The CDC does not recommend one flu vaccine over another. Residents should speak with a healthcare provider about which vaccine is best for them.

Flu vaccines are available at more locations than ever before. Michigan residents can get vaccinated at health-care provider offices, local health departments, or pharmacies. To find a location near you, visit <http://flushot.healthmap.org>. For more information about flu in Michigan, visit www.michigan.gov/flu.

Start the New Year off healthy with a visit to the Bay Mills Health Center

BAY MILLS — Make Bay Mills Health Center a partner in your success with health-related resolutions for 2014. The Health Center has a credentialed staff that can provide you with some of the tools you will need to achieve your goals. Don't forget your annual physical can get you started with a baseline number, and health center staff are been trained to motivate. Motivation is part of self-management, so you take a more active part of your health care.

The Bay Mills Health Center is a community health center that's open to the public with dental, medical, and behavioral health services. At the health care center there are more than 900 medical appointments each month and community members are encouraged to use these available medical services to measure their progress. The Patient Centered Medical Home model is focused on a partnership between you and your medical provider. This partnership is focused on your health, your input, and your goals.

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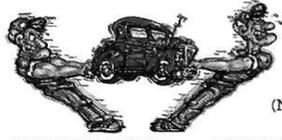


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MDOT approves first ORV connector routes in 12 Upper Peninsula locations

The first connector routes proposed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to allow off-road vehicles to travel in the rights of way, including some shoulders of state highways, have been approved by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Twelve routes in the Upper Peninsula were chosen as pilot locations where ORVs are allowed to operate within MDOT rights of way. The routes were established under new rules signed into law in 2013.

Eleven of these routes are signed and open, with a seasonal closure in place that started Sunday, Dec. 1. The 12th route will be signed and opened with the initial 11 locations beginning May 1, 2014, when the seasonal closure

ends. The pilot project will include follow-up review of safety and environmental impacts, impacts to the rights of way and easements, and property owner issues.

ORV operation on the shoulders of state highways is initially limited to these 12 pilot routes, although more routes may be approved in the future. The new law does not open up all state highway rights of way to ORV traffic.

ORV right-of-way rules for the connector routes include:

- 25 mph speed limit;
- Riders must be single file;
- Obey annual seasonal closure of Dec. 1 to May 1.

The new connector routes will provide ORV riders a legal point of access to communities, attractions and services near existing ORV trail networks.

"This change will allow increased cooperation between the DNR, MDOT, ORV clubs and municipalities as we work to create a safe, interconnected trail system linking ORV trails and riders with local communities," said DNR recreation specialist Ron Yesney.

Clubs, Chambers of Commerce or other entities seeking to apply for an ORV connector route must work with the local unit of government, which may draft a request and submit it to MDOT. Requests will be reviewed by MDOT and DNR on a case-by-case basis, with safety and connectivity being primary factors evaluated during the approval process.

For more information about riding ORVs in Michigan, visit www.michigan.gov/orvtrails.

DNR seeks volunteers for 2014 state park and forest campground hosts

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is seeking volunteers to serve as hosts at Michigan state parks and state forest campgrounds for the 2014 camping season, giving people the opportunity to spend summer enjoying Michigan's great outdoors, while providing a valuable service.

Hosts will handle a variety of responsibilities, including directing visitors to their campsites, answering questions about the park or state forest, arranging campground activities and performing light maintenance and other services (depending on the host's talents and interests). In return for their volunteer service, hosts are allowed to camp in the state park or state forest campground at no charge.

Both individuals and teams (couples, families, etc.) may serve as hosts. Candidates must be at least 18 years old, provide 30 hours of service per week (including weekends and holidays), serve a minimum of four consecutive weeks and furnish their own camping unit, equipment and personal items.

Some host assignments begin as early as April and continue as late as October.

Hosts are chosen by park and forest managers, who may require an interview or request additional information. Selection is based on the individual's familiarity with the state park or state forest system, his or her camping experience, special skills, availability, knowledge of the area and the needs of the specific park or forest campground.

Host training for the 2014 camping season will be held June 4 to 5, 2014, at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center in Roscommon. Special arrangements can be made for anyone who cannot make those training dates.

Information and applications about the host program are available from the DNR's website at www.michigan.gov/dnrvolunteers. For more information on the campground host program in state parks or state forest campgrounds, please contact Miguel Rodriguez at 517-241-4129.

EUP Citizens' Advisory Council is taking applications

The Department of Natural Resources is now taking applications for open positions on the Eastern Upper Peninsula Citizens' Advisory Council.

The EUPCAC is designed to advise the DNR on regional programs and policies; identify areas in which the department can be more effective and responsive; and offer insight and guidance from members' own experiences and from the public at large.

The EUPCAC includes approximately 20 members, each residing within the five eastern Upper Peninsula counties: Alger, Chippewa, Luce, Mackinac, and Schoolcraft.

The council members represent a wide variety of natural resource and recreation stakeholder groups and are chosen based on a variety of factors, including counties and stakeholder groups not currently represented.

Meeting agenda items addressed at EUPCAC meetings are set by the council members, and council recommendations are forwarded to the DNR for consideration in policy-formation and decision-making processes. The council meets every other month, approximately six times per year. EUPCAC meetings are typically held in Newberry and occasionally in Manistique, Sault Ste. Marie, and St. Ignace.

The deadline to apply for open EUPCAC positions is Friday, Jan. 10. Application forms and more information about the CACs are available online at www.michigan.gov/upcac. Completed applications can be faxed to 906-228-9441, emailed to: dahlstromk@michigan.gov, or mailed to: DNR (Attn: CAC), 1990 U.S. 41 South, Marquette, MI 49855.

For more information, contact DNR Upper Peninsula Regional Coordinator Stacy Welling Haughey at 906-228-6561.

Secretary of State announces holiday hours

LANSING — Secretary of State Ruth Johnson reminds residents that all branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

The closures are: Tuesday, Dec. 24, and Wednesday, Dec. 25, for Christmas.

Tuesday, Dec. 31, and Wednesday, Jan. 1, for New Year's.

The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty.

Most people renewing license plates, driver's licenses and ID cards can do business online at www.ExpressSOS.com or my mail. Easy to follow instructions can be found with the renewal notice. Additional services can be done online as well.

ON THE LAKES AGAIN —

The tug, H.W. Hocks, which sunk in Waishkey Bay in March of 2012, has been restored and sold to a new owner to once more fish the Great Lakes. The tug was built in Milwaukee, Wis., in 1935 and purchased by the late Bay Mills Indian Community fisherman, Skip Parish, in 1991. He fished with the boat for many years, until his health declined in 2009. Parish died one week before the Hocks sank and his daughter, Chris Bernier, was named executor to his estate. She and her husband, Steve Bernier, cleaned up the tug and worked on the main engine to get it in good shape to fish again. On Dec. 4, another BMIC fisherman, Ed Lothrop Jr., purchased the boat and intends to have the H.W. Hocks fishing the waters of Whitefish Bay once again. Pictured top right, is the tug, H.W. Hocks, while below right (L-R) are Ed Lothrop Jr. and Chris Bernier.



Demand is rising for middle-skilled jobs

By JUSTINE MCGUIRE
Capital News Service

LANSING – Not everyone needs a bachelor's degree.

A recent national survey shows that employers have trouble filling middle-skilled jobs and it said state-run programs could do more to help.

The Michigan Manufacturers Association and local agencies say the same void exists around the state and they are working to fill it.

There are more than 7,000 production job openings in Michigan and that number is expected to grow, said Delaney McKinley, director of human resource policy for MMA. In the next 10 years, 50 percent of production workers will retire.

"That's a scary number," she said. A federal Government Accountability Office survey showed that 80 percent of local areas across the nation have trouble filling certain jobs, including middle-skilled jobs, such as those in manufacturing.

Middle-skilled jobs require more than a high school diploma but less than a bachelor's degree. They're found in manufacturing, technology, health care, skilled trades and other fields.

McKinley said the Michigan Works! demand-driven model has been helpful in filling jobs.

Michigan Works! mission is to fill voids in the labor market by helping employers find the employees they need and by training people for in-demand jobs. It's a go-between for businesses and educational institutions, such as community colleges, to make sure programs meet the needs of the job market.

"It floats all boats up if we all work together," McKinley said. "We all want the same thing."

Northwest Michigan faces the same shortage that the nation is experiencing, said Northwest Michigan Works! Chief Executive Officer Elaine Wood. There is local demand for machinists, welders, nurse technicians, technology specialists and other occupations.

"Michigan has always been the best-performing state in nation for talent development programs," Wood said. "We have a great track record and we're moving forward and innovating."

"We are the best state, maybe the only one, taking on a totally demand-driven approach and asking what employers need," she said. "I think that's what's making us stand out."

Michigan Works! agencies are in direct contact with local businesses in their area to identify what is needed there, Wood said.

The GAO survey showed that 90 percent of local areas use state job banks to identify in-demand jobs and 93 percent partner with local economic development agencies.

One explanation for the shortage of middle-skilled workers could be the push for higher education, said Wood, who is based in Traverse City. High school students and parents don't realize there are options other

than a four-year degree, such as a two-year auto tech program at Northwestern Michigan College that gives graduates the opportunity to find jobs with good starting salaries.

The agency covers Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee and Wexford counties.

Thirty-six percent of Michigan's workforce has some college education, which is more than all other Great Lakes states and the nation, according to the National Association of Workforce Boards.

"It's absolutely true that you need some kind of post-high school education, but it's not clear exactly what that entails," she said.

According to a study by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget, about 6,000 industrial and construction skilled trade job openings — generally middle-skilled jobs — exist in the state each year and those jobs pay a median wage of \$21 per hour.

Agencies around the state are disseminating information to students and parents about options after high

school. For example, Eastern Upper Peninsula Michigan Works! in Sault Ste. Marie is assessing school districts to find out what information they provide about career paths so it can fill the voids and disseminate best practices, said Gwen Worley, executive director.

"We try to provide what's missing," she said. Her agency covers Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac counties.

Often, people aren't aware jobs are available, Worley said. The U.P. isn't traditionally strong in manufacturing, but there is a demand for some manufacturing jobs, and most people wouldn't think of that as an option.

Worley said challenges to filling employers' needs aren't always straightforward. Recently she spoke with a local employer whose biggest concern is finding people with desirable work habits, such as clocking in on time.

Success stories in the Eastern U.P. include jobs in the growing health care sector — currently the agency is looking for people to train for health care-related jobs.

Watch out for the plows

To help ensure everyone gets where they're going safely, the Michigan Department of Transportation and the County Road Association of Michigan again remind motorists that "Snowplows Need Room to Groom!"

"Tackling Michigan snow and ice is a daunting job for MDOT, county and municipal winter maintenance workers," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "By giving them room to do their job and driving appropriately for conditions, motorists help make our roads safer for everyone."

Decreases in funding and increasing costs have forced changes in winter maintenance practices, but plows always need plenty of room to perform their job properly.

"Your county road agency maintains some state trunklines and most of the local roads that take us home, to work and school, and in Michigan winter that means snowplows, graders and salt trucks," said Denise Donohue, director of the County Road Association. "Taking extra care when driving near snowplows, minimizing distractions and focusing on driving will help you reach your destination safely, protecting your family and ours."

MDOT and the County Road Association offer the following reminders for motorists:

Snowplows have limited visibility and drivers cannot see directly behind their trucks;

Snowplows often throw up clouds of snow behind them, reducing visibility on all sides of the truck;

Motorists should never attempt to pass a moving snowplow on the right. With new wing plow and tow plow technology, the blade can clear the shoulder and the lane of travel simultaneously. Motorists attempting an illegal pass through a snow cloud on the right and/or shoulder of the road most likely won't see the plow blade and run the risk of a serious crash;

Distracted driving is dangerous driving. Motorists should not text or talk on cell phones while they are behind the wheel, especially in winter conditions. In fact, texting while driving is illegal in Michigan;

Always wear your safety belt and allow extra time to reach your destinations this winter; and

More road salt is not always the cure for slippery roads. When temperatures fall below 20 degrees, the action of the salt takes longer to work. Continuing to apply salt at these very low temperatures will actually cause more problems than it solves.

"As motorists, we all share responsibility for the safety of our roads in Michigan with our dedicated maintenance workers," Steudle added. "Please drive like you want to make it home tonight, and give snowplows room to groom."

The County Road Association has winter maintenance photos available on its website at: www.micountyroads.org/winter.php.

2013 firearm deer hunters faced challenges

Michigan's 2013 firearm deer season wrapped recently, and challenging conditions and lower deer numbers in some areas have likely led to fewer deer being taken this year, the Department of Natural Resources announced today. Firearm season deer check-station activity declined in all regions of the state compared to 2012.

Each year, the DNR generates preliminary estimates of the firearm deer harvest shortly after the season closes on Nov. 30. Those estimates are replaced by a rigorous assessment of harvest and participation over all deer seasons using an annual hunter mail survey.

The 2013 firearm deer season harvest appears to have decreased in all regions this year, but particularly in the Upper Peninsula and southern Lower Peninsula.

Experiences can differ widely within regions; DNR biologists estimate the harvest (compared to 2012) was down perhaps 15 to 20 percent across the Upper Peninsula, decreased only slightly in the northern Lower Peninsula, and declined perhaps 10 percent in the southern Lower Peninsula.

Severe weather conditions, warmer-than-average temperatures and concentrations of standing corn that provide secure cover for deer also contributed to adverse hunting conditions in

some locations. A recent national survey highlighted that persistence pays off, particularly when conditions are not ideal. Successful deer hunters hunted an average of 18 days, which is longer than the entire duration of Michigan's firearm season.

Hunters that do not receive a survey in the mail but wish to provide their hunting and harvest information may visit www.michigan.gov/deer and select the Deer Harvest Reporting Form link. Hunters should only provide this information once they have completed all of their 2013 hunting activities, including seasons open through as late as Jan. 1, 2014.

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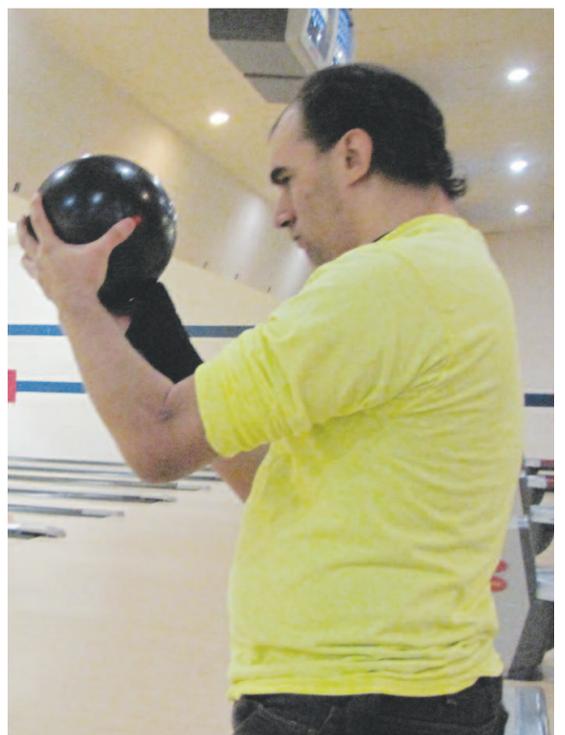
Native Studies students make, sell pies as fundraiser



MIXING IT UP — Students from the Native Studies classes taught by Sonja Killips, coordinator for Brimley Area Schools' Title VII Education Program, spent the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 26 mixing and stirring to make pumpkin pies. The next day, students also delivered the pies to those who had ordered them to grace their Thanksgiving dinner tables the following day. This has become an annual event, with the monies raised being used to fund the annual school pow wow, which is scheduled for sometime in March 2014. This year, 205 pies were baked and \$1,350 raised. Above, several students put their best effort into mixing up the filling to be later poured into pie shells and baked. To the right, Logan Keenan wheels the finished products into position to be boxed and stored, awaiting delivery the next day to thankful customers. SHAR MYERS/BAY MILLS NEWS



EUP Special Olympics athletes vie in bowling event



KNOCKING DOWN PINS — The 2013 EUP Special Olympics Unified Bowling event took place Saturday, Dec. 14 at Dondee Lanes in Sault Ste. Marie. About 72 bowlers enjoyed lunch and were given special t-shirts before hitting the bowling lanes. Each Special Olympics athlete was paired with a family member or friend as they competed for the highest scores. Medals were awarded throughout the event. At top left, Mia Munz honored the holiday season with special headwear as she prepared to let her bowling ball fly. Above to the left, Brian Touchtone, and to the right, Charlie Menominee, also get ready to try for strike. Lower right, Garth MacMaster, Jr. and his brother John pause for a photo. At far right RJ Ross gets ready to head to the lane. SHAR MYERS/BAY MILLS NEWS



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